

Comparison of Various Business Certification Programs

	Federal Programs				State and Local Programs			
	8(a) Business Development Program	Small Disadvantaged Business Program	HUBZONE Program	U.S. Department of Transportation	National Minority Supplier Development Council	Women – Owned Small Business	Indiana Department of Administration	City of Indianapolis
Business Size	Must be small business by SBA size standards.				No Requirement	No Requirement	Small business by SBA size standards.	Not applicable at this time
Citizenship	Owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens			U.S. citizen or permanent resident	Owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens	Not Applicable	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	U.S. citizen or permanent resident
Social Qualification	Socially disadvantaged person(s) who owns and controls at least 51% of their company. See www.sba.gov for more information.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal office located within a HUB Zone (see www.sba.gov/hubzone for map). At least 35% of firm's employees must be HUBZone residents. 	Socially disadvantaged person(s) who owns and controls at least 51% of their company.	51% owned and controlled by U.S. citizens belonging to certain ethnic minority groups set forth by NMSDC guidelines	Not Applicable	Not Applicable at this time.	Firms owned and controlled (at least 51%) by women or minorities.
Economic Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum \$250,000 personal net worth at time of application. \$750,000 personal net worth during participation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum \$750,000 personal net worth at time of application and during participation. 	Not Applicable	Maximum \$750,000 personal net worth at time of application and during participation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Length in Business	At least 2 years (some exceptions)	Not applicable	Not Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Major Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBA training and business development. 8(a) only contract bidding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible 10% Price Evaluation Preference Meets goals for prime contractors 	Contracts awarded to HUBZone firm if 2 or more qualified HUBZone firms are eligible bidders	Eligible to participate toward State goals in Federally-funded transportation contracts	Access to Corporate Membership Marketing to companies seeking MBEs	Varies	Eligible to participate toward State goals	Eligible to participate in City goals.
Participation Limit	9 years maximum	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Eligibility Review	Annually	Every 3 years	Annually	Every 3 years, with annual statements of change	Annually	Varies	Every 3 years, with annual statements of change	Every 3years, with annual statements of change

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Sole Source Contracting	Available to program participants.	Not available.	Limited to when insufficient HUBZone companies for competitive bidding	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	Not available	Not available
Application Submission	Submit to SBA, Fort Worth Texas	Submit to SBA, Washington DC,	SBA Washington D.C. HUBZone Office or via SBA website at www.sba.gov/hubzone	Administered by State. Contact the Indiana Department of Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana or call 317/232-3061 for application	Regional Minority Supplier Development Councils (Indianapolis: 317-923-2110, Fort Wayne, Evansville)	Self Certification via Pro-Net At www.sba.gov or certification via Women's Business Enterprise National Council (http://wbenc.org 202-872-5515) or National Women's Business Owners Corp. (http://www.nwboc.org 561-881-7364)	Contact the Indiana Department of Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana or call 317/232-3061 for application	Contact City of Indianapolis Division of Equal opportunity: Jim Crute at 317-327-5262
	Contact the local SBA District Office for application forms and counseling on the application process. 429 N. Pennsylvania Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-226-7272 Application forms may be obtained on-line at www.sba.gov/library/forms							
Other Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Listed in PRO-Net▶ University based business training.▶ Automatically certified as SDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Listed in PRO-Net▶ Certification accepted by State and City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Listed in PRO-Net▶ 10% Price Evaluation Preference may be available.▶ 90% guaranty (80% standard) on surety bond guarantees (financial requirements must be met)	Directory is posted on State's web-site, increasing visibility of vendor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Listing in NMSDC directory, detailed listing of corporate membership, counseling and marketing assistance from RMSDC staffs.▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Meets goals for prime contractors▶ NOTE: certification also available at state and local levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Speedier certification process for groups presumed disadvantaged▶ Directory is posted on State's web-site, increasing visibility of vendor.	Note: suppliers and contractors must register with the City Purchasing Department. Call 317-327-4900 for information.
Fees	None	None	None	None	Yes, contact local chapter for details.	Yes and Organizational membership may be required	None	None

The above information is believed to be accurate. However, applicants should contact the certifying entity for the latest information as these programs are subject to change.